

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Hurricanes Rita and Katrina

SITUATION REPORT 22

1500 Hours September 26, 2005

WEATHER

Forecast:

Today: Partly sunny this morning, then mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. Some thunderstorms may produce gusty winds. High temperatures in mid 80's, South winds 15 MPH. Chance of rain 50%.

Tonight: Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely in the evening, then partly cloudy with a chance of showers after midnight. Low temperatures in lower 60's and southwest winds near 10 MPH. Chance of rain 60%.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation:

The Virginia EOC is at Increased Readiness Condition.

State of Emergency:

On September 23, 2005, Governor Warner extended the Declaration of Emergency with all the regulatory and deployment powers already granted for Hurricane Katrina, to cover the Commonwealth's response to Hurricane Rita. The Commonwealth will directly assist evacuees who arrive in Virginia from the states that have suffered unprecedented damages from either or both of these devastating storms. Governor Warner reiterated Virginia is ready to shelter evacuees at Town Pickett. The Governor directed the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The President approved Governor Warner's request for an emergency declaration on September 12, 2005. The incident period began on August 29, 2005 authorizing 100% federal funding for Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures). The assistance is for all 95 counties and 40 independent cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

OPERATIONS SECTIONS

State Warning Point:

Continuing to receive and disseminate situation reports from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina impacted states.

EMAC:

The total number of personnel from Virginia deployed through EMAC is **621**. The total number of EMAC personnel from Virginia in the impacted areas today is **186**. The VEOC is coordinating **21** open requests through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The Online EOC has posted the latest EMAC requests for state and/or local agency response. Currently supporting 6 EMAC missions in Louisiana and 4 in Mississippi. Eight missions are complete.

Chesterfield County – A 7 person Incident Management Team from Chesterfield County deployed to the New Orleans Fire Emergency Operations Center. The County's Mobile Command Post and 4 personnel deployed to Baton Rouge in support of Louisiana State Police. Ten personnel deployed to Mississippi with Law Enforcement Task Force # 1. A total of 21 personnel deployed.

Northern Virginia Localities - Two ten-person Incident Management Teams from the region deployed to assist the New Orleans Emergency Operations Center. One VDEM Regional Coordinator deployed with the teams. An additional VDEM Regional Coordinator is expected to be deployed on Tuesday, September 27, 2005. Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP) Division Chief 7 deployed with one of these teams. Six-person Incident Management Team deployed to the NASA Complex Mississippi. Four-person IMT deployed to Louisiana Office of Emergency

Management in Baton Rouge. Thirty-person IMT deployed to Harrison County Mississippi for State Emergency Management Office. Fifty-person fire fighting task force with equipment deployed to Hancock County Fire Command. **An 18-person EOC Management team deployed to assist the New Orleans EOC.** A total of **128** personnel deployed from the region.

Henrico County – Five personnel deployed with Law Enforcement Task Force #1 to Mississippi.

TOWN PICKETT

The Commonwealth is in close communication with FEMA regarding the transfer of evacuees from states impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA requested Virginia remain on stand-by through today, to receive evacuees. Administrative and security staffs remain at Town Pickett and all agencies are on standby for implementation within 12 hours.

VIRGINIA EVACUEES

FEMA and Red Cross registrations indicate that there may be as many as 15,000 people in Virginia who evacuated from the areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The impact of Hurricane Rita evacuees on the Commonwealth is unknown at this time.

Red Cross reports 3,576 applicants (1 applicant per household – 7,907 people). The largest numbers continue to be in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

FEMA reports 5,364 applicants (1 applicant per household). FEMA provided information from their database to VDEM on Friday, September 23. Discussions with FEMA continue concerning the implementation of the regular FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) for evacuees and the interaction with new programs. -

Government Programs Assisting Evacuees:

Department of Social Services has enrolled 2,348 in the “e-Medicaid” health care assistance program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance. Washington County DSS, local Red Cross chapter and other partners set up a facility as a Red Cross center near Bristol, Virginia to assist Hurricane Katrina evacuees entering the Commonwealth as they travel North on Interstate 81. For approximately 8 days, a Red Cross station was set up inside the Virginia Welcome Center at Mile Marker 1 on Interstate 81N. More than 800 people passed through the facility and received food, water, etc. On September 23, local DSS began counting Hurricane Rita evacuees throughout Virginia.

In addition to VDSS, the following federal and state agencies continue to provide assistance to evacuees: U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Virginia Department of Education, Head Start, Virginia Council on Higher Education, WIC, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Housing Authority, Virginia Employment Commission and Virginia Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

STATE ACTIVITIES

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals & Energy (DMME) – The EPA held a conference call with the American Petroleum Institute, the pipeline association, and the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association at 1:00 p.m. today. Updated information from the conference call will be contained in Tuesday’s VEOC Virginia Briefing Report. The New York Mercantile Exchange opened a special trading session for petroleum products at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The future price for November crude oil fell \$1.40 to \$62.80/barrel. The future for refined product delivery to New York harbor also fell. This is sending a signal that the markets expect the disruption to be less by November than had been expected before Rita came ashore. The refiners are coming out with initial damage reports. Initial reports show that the Valero Port Arthur TX (255,000 bpd) will be out of service for about 2 weeks to one month. The Motiva (Shell) Port Arthur TX (285,000 bpd) refinery has minor damage, and may be ready for startup as early as Wednesday. Colonial Pipeline was at 42% capacity on its main line from Houston yesterday. It is projecting to reach 72% by Tuesday by use of drag reducing agents and supplemental power at pumping stations.

Actual throughput will depend on product availability. Colonial Pipeline has full power on its system from Krotz Springs, Louisiana eastward. Plantation Pipeline is working at 100% capacity. Approximately 100% of offshore oil production was shut in as of yesterday's 1:00 p.m. report. Initial damage reports show the six deep-water fixed platforms in Rita's path do not show surface damage. There is an unknown number of shallow water floating platforms adrift. No information is yet available on conditions of pipelines bringing the crude oil from the platforms to onshore. The Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) resumed deliveries from tank storage on Sunday. Power remained off on Sunday at its offshore receiving points. State (VDOT/DGS) supplies are adequate. EPA extended the reformulated gasoline (RTF) waiver for Richmond by one week to midnight, Sept. 30, 2005. The dyed diesel waiver for on-road use remains in effect through Oct 5, 2005. DMME is continuing to monitor the reformulated gasoline supply. EPA has held Virginia's request for a wider area reformulated gasoline (RFG) waiver to gather more information. They are waiting to see evidence of stations closing for lack of RFG.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) - The Consumer Protection Hotline received seven calls over the weekend alleging gasoline price gouging.

Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) - Total of 43 personnel deployed to assist with the Katrina and Rita response. One 20-person crew is at Stennis Space Center, Stennis, MS managing a food and supply distribution center. A second 21-person crew is now en route to Baton Rouge, LA to support a local IMT that is stationed there. 2 additional personnel are assisting on IMT's in Texas.

Virginia State Police (VSP) – Deployed 22 personnel with Law Enforcement Task Force #1 to Mississippi through EMAC.

Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) - Continues to support multi agency law enforcement task forces (Law Enforcement Task Force #1) in Mississippi with ten officers. They are making final plans to relieve that unit with additional officers around October 4th.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) - VDH completed availability survey of acute care, nursing home/long term facility and mental health bed capacity statewide. The current snapshot of available beds, subject to change per hospital admissions, indicates 1,362 acute care beds available statewide, 225 Nursing Home and Assisted Living Beds, and 50 psychiatric beds (state facilities and private hospitals). VDH is supporting Town Pickett readiness efforts and a Medical Support element remains on 12-hour standby. Town Pickett lab/testing services arrangements have been approved through Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services (provider Hospital lab to bring copy of CLIA certificate to the site and notify VDH CQHS&CP of the scope and date service is implemented). Automated callout methodology established to alert key Pickett Health staff in the event of after-hours activation. Airport evacuee triage, if needed, to be coordinated through RIC with VCU Medical Control Center IAW existing Central Region MCI Plan. Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)-1 – A 33 person deployment team and a five person Medical Strike Team are staged in San Antonio, Texas in support of Hurricane Rita. Prince William County Environmental Health manager deployed to Louisiana. Lenowisco Health District food safety specialist deployed on 09/16 with Red Cross to San Antonio, Texas, working in public affairs at Kelly Air Force Base. There are also 2 Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) personnel, in support of DMORT operations and 1 VDH Public Information Officer deployed to Texas in support of FEMA. Fifteen Medical Reserve Corp groups have been activated, most through Red Cross, for deployment in support of local operations and target area support operations. Forty-two (42) MRC personnel are deployed on out-of-state missions,

including 5 personnel from Roanoke Health Department (Red Cross mission), and 49 are supporting operations in Virginia, for a total of 91 MRC personnel.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Citizen Corps volunteers are assisting with local emergency management efforts in support of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts across the state. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members have been deployed to the affected areas with Red Cross and with FEMA as community relations personnel. Medical Reserve Corp personnel deployments are reflected above in the VDH report.

Virginia VOAD volunteers are providing assistance to storm impacted states. Southeast Virginia VOAD – several volunteers have been trained by the Southeast Virginia Red Cross chapter to help with registration of evacuees at Town Pickett.

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